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To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 5347 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to indemnifying and defending department of social and health services appointed temporary managers in nursing homes."

The House of Representatives forwarded an identical companion bill, House Bill No. 1364, to the Governor's Office on April 19, 2005. Both bills cannot be signed.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 5347 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O. Gregoire Governor